

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**August 16, 2016**

*The City Council also sits as the Lemon Grove Housing Authority, Lemon Grove Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and Lemon Grove Successor Agency*

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**Call to Order**

Members present: Mayor Mary Sessom, Mayor Pro Tem George Gastil, Councilmember Jerry Jones, Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza, and Councilmember Racquel Vasquez.

Members absent: None.

City Staff present: Lydia Romero, City Manager, David DeVries, Development Services Director; Daryn Drum, Division Fire Chief; James P. Lough, City Attorney; Mike James, Public Works Director; Lt. May, Sheriff's Department; Gilbert Rojas, Interim Finance Director; and Laureen Ryan Ojeda, Administrative Analyst.

**Presentations**

Mayor Sessom presented a Certification of Appreciation to Sgt. Michelle McPhail, San Diego County Sherriff's Department.

**Public Comment**

John L. Wood commented on the flag at the Toyota dealership.

Lani Stacks commented the Lemon Grove Pet Store.

**1. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes** (removed from the action)
- B. Ratification of Payment Demands**
- C. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda**
- D. Award a Contract to Bear Electrical Solutions, Incorporate for Traffic Signal and Communications System Maintenance, Emergency Repairs, and Related Construction Service**
- E. Award a Contract to Statewide Stripes, Incorporated for Citywide Street Legend Painting**

**Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Vasquez, to approve the Consent Calendar without the August 2, 2016 City Council minutes that are to be revised and brought back for approval passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez**

**2. Overview Presentation of the Connect Main Street Project**

David De Vries provided a presentation of the Connect Main Street Project. He noted hat on July 19, 2016, the City Council provided direction to staff to present an overview of the Connect Main Street Project concept accepted on August 4, 2015.

The City received a SANDAG Smart Growth Incentive Program grant to fund the design and related technical studies for the Main Street Promenade Extension Planning Project (now named "Connect Main Street").

The project is an approximate two-mile-long corridor adjacent to the Orange Line of the MTS trolley system that runs from Broadway to the south end of the City and includes walking and biking paths and park related activity areas.

On August 4, 2015, the City Council accepted the proposed project concept and directed staff to prepare a General Plan Amendment to incorporate the concept into the General Plan. A draft General Plan amendment creating a new Special Treatment Area for the Connect Main Street project and related project deliverables will be provided at a future City Council meeting for consideration.

#### Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

After discussion, the City Council suggested that future improvements within the corridor should prioritize pedestrian paths and connections, creek restoration, and basic infrastructure improvements.

#### **City Council Oral Comments and Reports on Meetings Attended at the Expense of the City. (GC 53232.3 (d))**

Councilmember Jones attended an Assistant Leadership Team meeting.

Councilmember Mendoza attended an Assistant Leadership Team meeting and the Resident Leadership Team meeting, a SANDAG Planning Committee Meeting, the Lemon Grove Clergy Association meeting and the League of California Cities luncheon.

Mayor Pro Tem Gastil met with the Counsel General of Mexico and attended the LA/SD/SLO Rail Corridor Agency meeting.

#### **City Manager and Department Director Reports**

David De Vries reported that there will be a Downtown Village Specific Plan workshop Saturday August 27 from 10:00 to 12:00, the consultants will also survey at Concerts in the Park and in the Promenade Park next Wednesday 3:00 to 5:00. Also, there will be a community survey and a business survey available on the City website.

Lt. May thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for Sgt. McPhail proclamation and announced that there will be a visit from "Hug the Police" a north county agency, in September.

Chief Drum reported that at 7:02 p.m. the Lemon Grove Fire station was dispatched to the San Bernardino fire.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Housing Authority, Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and the Lemon Grove Successor Agency the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

*Susan Garcia*

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Susan Garcia, City Clerk